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GERMANS OCCUPY BRUSSELS; BELGIAN ARMY RETREATING WITHOUT OPPOSITION

Belgian Army Retreated Toward Antwerp Without Having Been Engaged by the Invaders

GERMAN FORCE IS FOLLOWING UP MOVEMENT

French Troops Claim Brilliant Success in Alsace, Especially Between Muelhausen and Altkirch—Germans Retired on the Rhine, Leaving Many Prisoners and 24 Guns—In Lorraine the Germans Forced the French Troops to Retreat—No News Has Been Received of Any Naval Movements.

London, Aug. 21, 12:30 a. m.—The Germans have at last occupied Brussels, but in Alsace they seem to be making no advance. The latest report is that the French have recaptured Muelhausen, and it still seems true that after fifteen days of fighting, there are no German troops on French soil.

On Germany's eastern frontier there has been considerable open fighting, which would indicate that the Russians are completing their work of concentrating. There has, however, been no big collision in this region as yet. Austria is too much engaged with Russia and with the need of helping Germany to make good her campaign against Serbia.

No news whatever has been received of any naval movements, either in the North sea or the Mediterranean. The death of Plus Plus will be made the occasion for another effort to bring about peace. It is stated that when the pope meets in Rome to elect a new pope it will send an appeal to all warring nations for peace and will ask the United States to aid it in bringing about tranquillity.

According to the small amount of news that has been allowed to come in from Berlin, something like normal conditions prevail in the German capital. The price of food is declining and now that the troops movements have been accomplished a resumption of general work on railways is beginning. Confirmation has been received of the report that Emperor William has ordered resistance to Japan to be maintained.

WILL U. S. ACT FOR CHINA IN KIAO-CHOW MATTER

Chinese Government Wants Washington Officials to Assume Trusteeship

Washington, Aug. 20.—Most significant of the day's developments in the European situation here was the inquiry by the Chinese government of the United States whether the latter would undertake the trusteeship of the territory of Kiao-Chow, transferring it immediately from Germany to China. China's inquiry was understood to have been based on an acquaintance of Germany in such a plan, hoping thereby to avert a war with Japan. While the Chinese government is generally believed that the American government would not undertake the trusteeship of China unless both Japan and Great Britain formally assented, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan have scrupulously avoided involving the United States in the situation and there is every indication that this attitude will be strictly maintained.

China's endeavors to obtain the territory of Kiao-Chow and at the same time preserve neutral relations with Germany, Japan and Great Britain were manifest in dispatches from the general secretary of the American government her firm intention of remaining absolutely neutral in any eventuality.

Diplomatic despatches from Europe contained little information concerning the progress of the war. Colville Barclay, charge d'affaires at the British embassy, inquired of Secretary Bryan when a decision on the cable-gram might be reached, but he was unable to learn that none had yet been reached. Announcement, however, is expected to be made tomorrow.

President Wilson told callers today that he was deeply appreciative of the Belgian appeal for aid, and his appeal asking the American people to remain neutral in their public expression of sympathy for the Belgian government. He said that the American government has asked the administration to make plans for a demonstration against Germany, and that Mr. Bryan discussed in particular a meeting planned by the New York peace society. The president did not approve of the meeting, but suggested that speeches referring to individual countries in the present war be omitted.

GERMANS ENTER BRUSSELS

Belgians Retire to Antwerp

Strong Columns of German Troops Are Following Up the Movement.

Paris, Aug. 20, 11 p. m.—The German cavalry have occupied Brussels. This official announcement was made tonight. Strong columns are following up this movement for Antwerp.

The Belgian army is retreating on Antwerp, without having been engaged by the Germans.

Along with the announcement of the fall of Brussels, the official statement says: "Our troops have met with brilliant success in Alsace, especially between Muelhausen and Altkirch. The Germans, retreating on the Rhine, left in our hands many prisoners and 24 guns, six of which were captured after a sharp struggle by our infantry."

In Lorraine, the day was less fortunate for us. Our advanced troops found themselves faced by exceptionally strong positions. They were forced by a counter attack to fall back in a body, which is solidly established on the Sille and along the canal from the Marne to the Rhine.

The official statement continues: "In conformity with a prearranged plan, the Belgian army retreated on the entrenched camp of Antwerp, after brilliantly fulfilling their duty as dictated by the strategic situation and delaying for a fortnight the German passage of the Meuse."

Antwerp Well Fortified.

It is a formidable entrenched camp, fortified on modern lines, and is the base from which the Belgian army can operate effectively with the allies.

The Antwerp defenses consist of three fortified camps, the most perfect of which is the fortress the Germans would have to detach imposing forces and a large staff of troops to capture it.

Belgian Army Is Short on Cavalry.

Not Strong Enough to Repel Germany's Mounted Men.

Paris, Aug. 20, 5:24 p. m.—The Temps this afternoon publishes an explanation of why the seat of the Belgian government was transferred from Brussels to Antwerp. The statement, credited to an anonymous member of the Belgian cabinet, is as follows: "The Belgian army was not sufficient cavalry to engage the German vanguard."

German horsemen which covers the banks of the Scheldt and is advancing towards Brussels. The capital was exposed to a sudden raid and it was simple prudence to retire."

GERMAN PRESS ON JAPANESE ULTIMATUM.

Japan Expert Says Japan's Policy Has Been Prepared for a Long Time.

Berlin, via Copenhagen and London, Aug. 20, 11:25 p. m.—The Japanese ultimatum has been the subject of much comment by the German press.

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung believes that Germany will reply with a polite yet definite refusal.

Count Ernest von Reventlow, the naval expert, publishes an article in the Tage Zeitung showing that Japan's policy has been prepared for a long time. He recounts how M. Sugimura, the former Japanese ambassador at Berlin, who was formerly ambassador

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Cabled Paragraphs

Bomb Thrown in Rome Bound Train. Paris, Aug. 20, 1:40 p. m.—A despatch to the Havas agency from Naples says that a bomb thrown today at the first class compartment of a train bound for Rome exploded and injured a number of travelers.

Provide Work for Women in London. London, Aug. 20, 11:05 p. m.—The American women's war relief society has leased a factory which will accommodate 200 workers, the intention being to provide employment there for that many needy women. They will make garments for soldiers and sailors in hospitals.

Bulgarians Offer Services to France. Paris, Aug. 20, 5:25 p. m.—Grecian subjects to the number of 280, all of whom fought in the recent Balkan wars, as well as a large number of Italians, offered their services today to the French military authorities. So many were offered the flag of the republic that it has been found necessary to extend the time limit on acceptance of volunteers.

HEAVIEST THUNDER STORM OF SEASON AT WINSTED. Barn Struck by Lightning and Burned—A Number of Trees Struck.

Winsted, Conn., Aug. 20.—A large barn on Wallin's Hill owned by Andrew Weisold was struck by lightning tonight and burned to the ground. The building and contents were valued at \$2,000, partly insured. This section of the town was swept by the storm, which was the heaviest thunder storm of the season. A number of trees were struck by lightning.

STORM IN TORRINGTON CAUSED PANIC IN THEATRE.

Fuse in Moving Picture House Burned Out—No One Hurt.

Torrington, Conn., Aug. 20.—A heavy electrical storm, peaking over Torrington and vicinity tonight. A fuse in the Park theatre, a moving picture house, burned out, causing a panic among the spectators. No one was hurt.

The local fire department was called out to assist in fighting a fire on the Alford farm in Goheen. A barn was burned. By the time the apparatus arrived there was nothing for the firemen to do, as the building had been destroyed.

SEVERELY SHOCKED BY BOLT OF LIGHTNING.

Young Man Rendered Unconscious at Southington.

Southington, Conn., Aug. 20.—Frank Walsh of high street was slightly injured and rendered unconscious for a time and Miss Boesie Nagle, with whom he was walking, was severely shocked by a bolt of lightning during a thunderstorm which swept the town tonight. The lightning struck a tree near the Walshs, and it is not thought that the young man was seriously injured. The storm was one of the heaviest of its kind here. The lightning was so close that several trees were struck and splintered.

Lightning Interrupted Dance.

Bristol, Conn., Aug. 20.—A terrific thunder clap, accompanied by a sharp bolt of lightning, suddenly interrupted a dance at Lake Compounce tonight. A woman whose name could not be learned was stunned by the shock in the ladies' dressing room and the hall, and was unconscious for several minutes. After being revived she was able to leave for her home.

Barn Burned at Rockville.

Rockville, Conn., Aug. 20.—A large barn owned by W. E. Orcutt in Vernon was struck by lightning tonight and burned. Three horses perished, but 15 head of cattle were saved. The loss is estimated at \$3,500.

\$10,000 Fire at Fort Terry.

Fort Terry, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed one of the quartermaster's storehouses at Fort Terry, N. Y., yesterday morning, together with the contents which included valuable furs, and belonging to the coers. The military fire organization extinguished the fire in two hours and the total loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Unknown Man Killed in New Britain.

New Britain, Conn., Aug. 20.—An unidentified man, about 60 years old, was killed by a New Britain-bound trolley car from Hartford tonight. The accident occurred at the junction of Dwight and Stanley streets. The body was badly mangled.

Prince of Wales Marched.

London, Aug. 20, 5 p. m.—The Prince of Wales, accompanied by a detachment of Grenadier guards, marched through London today and was given an enthusiastic reception.

DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN WAR.

The Germans have taken Brussels, the capital of Belgium, already rich in warfare history and in art and culture. It was here that the Duke of Wellington danced at night and was struck by lightning tonight. His army at Quatre Bras for the battle of Waterloo. Once strongly fortified, the capital for years had been without armament with which to resist attack.

The German army, it was officially reported last night, was pressing its advantage by the capture of throwing large numbers of troops into the city, while the Belgians were retreating toward Antwerp. The German victory at Brussels did not mention the casualties of either side.

French official advices stated that Muelhausen, in Alsace, has been recaptured by the French from the Germans. The French said to be retreating on the Rhine. In Lorraine it was admitted the Germans had forced the French to fall back on their bases.

The Russians claimed successes in outpost skirmishes on the Austrian and German frontiers.

Confirmation was received last night of the report that the Japanese will have ordered resistance to any Japanese effort to seize Kiaochow.

An extensive deposit of asphalt of high quality has been discovered in the Ukraine.

Financial World is More Cheerful

DOMESTIC SITUATION MOVING INTO SMOOTHER WATER.

BANKS RELEASED FUNDS

There is a Broader Inquiry for Commercial Paper—Some Loans Have Been Renewed at 6 Per Cent—Protective Measures Must Be Taken Before Stock Exchange Reopens.

New York, Aug. 20.—Except for the stock exchange and the foreign exchange situation, where the deadlock remains unbroken, there is increasing evidence that the domestic financial situation is moving into smoother water. The banks are releasing funds with more freedom than was deemed possible a few days ago, and the mercantile world is being heartened by a broader inquiry for commercial paper. In the money market today some loans were renewed at six per cent, but the prevailing rate was nearer seven per cent.

Foreign Exchange Complicated.

The foreign exchange situation was made more complicated by the utter lack of Reichmarks, suggesting absolute interruption with Berlin. Sight drafts on London were up 2-1-2 cents to 5-02 1-2, while cables at 5-05, a rise of 3 cents, attested to the scarcity of bills. Brokers in exchange were discouraged at the failure of definite results from yesterday's conference and were waiting for a solution of the problem.

Stock Exchange Situation.

Regarding the stock exchange situation, it was reported that a tentative way of a banking syndicate aggregating at least \$200,000,000 to support the market once operations resumed. Needless to say, these rumors lacked confirmation in authoritative quarters, but it is generally believed that the financial situation of this or some character will be undertaken before the exchange reopens.

Gold Holdings.

Communication with Italy was more open today, a leading bank announcing its ability to forward credits to that country in moderate amounts. The most interesting news from abroad was the statement of the Bank of England, which showed increased gold holdings in London. The bank's gold holdings were \$140,000,000, despite a further marked decrease of clearing.

General news bearing on domestic financial conditions included postponement of action by the Interstate Commerce Commission to suspend the Ohio railway dividend, an advance in wire prices by a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation and further suspension of operations by various industrial companies.

DEATH OF POPE'S SISTER CLOSELY FOLLOWED PONTIFF'S.

Nothing But \$10,000 Insurance Left to Family by His Holiness.

Rome, Aug. 20.—The body of Pope Pius X, whose end came peacefully this morning, has been laid out in state for thousands to look upon. The pope's sister, who was 82 years old, was killed by the death of her brother. The sister was assisted from the room by a priest. The pope's sister was killed by the death of her brother. The sister was assisted from the room by a priest.

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The races for the Sir Thomas Lipton trophy to be held at the Columbia Yacht Club of Chicago, were called off at the request of Sir Thomas Lipton.

Two more cases of typhoid fever were reported in the branch workhouse at Harris Island. This morning 14 cases admitted to the isolation ward.

Judge William S. Case in superior court chambers, appointed Edward T. Ryan temporary receiver of the Mullins Clothing Company of Waterbury.

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The Senate in executive session considered the nomination of Roscoe Irwin, of Kingston, to be collector of internal revenue for the 14th district of New York.

According to the will of the late Edwin Morris the Chicago packer, which has been filed in London, he left an estate in England amounting to \$273,185.

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Mrs. Dora Cohen of New York, a bride of eight months, attempted suicide by boiling a box of match heads in a coffee pot and drinking the liquid. She will recover.

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A great union labor demonstration is to be held on Labor Day by the Hartford Building Trades Alliance. It will be state-wide in character and 5,000 men are expected to be in line. A southern barbecue will be served on Spruce Oak park.

Movements of Steamships.

New York, Aug. 20.—Sailed: Steamers Grella, Liverpool.

Condensed Telegrams

The supply ship Culgoa arrived in New York from Vera Cruz.

Maurice Maeterlinck has volunteered for service in the Belgian army. He is 52 years old.

William H. Gault, formerly a sportsman authority in New York, died in Cincinnati, aged 55 years.

The coal pockets of Nelson Bros. Coal Co. in Brooklyn were destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

The United States torpedo boat destroyer Nicholson was launched in the Cramp shipyards at Philadelphia.

The Senate foreign relations committee considered a resolution on the peace treaty negotiated with Peru.

President Wilson nominated Gilbert C. Higgins to be postmaster at Waverly, R. I., succeeding George D. Gennings.

Burglars entered the home of Mrs. Oscar Tasigi at Stockbridge, Mass., and escaped with jewelry valued at \$25,000.

Hugh R. Mailand, manager of the George R. Zabiskie Flour Co. of Newark, N. J., committed suicide by hanging.

Colonel Thomas R. Birch, United States Minister to Portugal, notified the State Department of his arrival in Lisbon.

A bill introduced by Senator Hitchcock prohibits the purchase in the United States of bonds of any country at war.

The Grand Trunk Pacific liner Prince Albert has been wrecked on a reef in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the passengers and crew were rescued.

Rodman Law, the parachute jumper, was refused permission to jump from the top of the new Customs House tower in New York.

Captain Andrew Weiding, commander of the revenue cutter Rush, died in Seattle of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Street car service at Northampton, Mass., is tied up by a strike of conductors and motormen. There has been no disturbance.

Jacques Depollier, a Brooklyn manufacturer, was killed when his automobile overturned at Brentwood, L. I. He was 70 years old.

Four hundred Americans have chartered the Italian steamer Mafadi at Genoa at a cost of \$200,000 and will sail for New York today.

The steamer Victoria arrived at Seattle from Nome Alaska, carrying \$200,000 in gold bullion from the placer mines of Seward Peninsula.

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OVATION FOR GENERAL CARRANZA

New Provisional President of Mexico Given Enthusiastic Reception When He Entered Mexico City

150,000 PERSONS CROWDED THE LINE OF MARCH

Entered the Mexican Capital Yesterday Noon—Not the Slightest Disorder Shown as Carranza and His Staff Passed Through the Cheering Crowds—Showered With Flowers and Confetti and Greeted With Cries of "Long Live Carranza" Long Live the Constitutional Government."

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—General Venustiano Carranza, the supreme chief of the Mexican revolution and from today provisional president of the republic, entered the capital at noon. He was given an enthusiastic reception by the crowds on the streets.

150,000 on Line of March.

It is estimated that more than 150,000 persons crowded the line of march of the new president and his followers, which extended from the village of Atzacapalco to the national palace, a distance of six miles. Not the slightest disorder was shown as General Carranza and his staff passed through the cheering crowds which showered him with flowers and confetti and from which came cries of "Long live Carranza!" "Long live the constitutional government!"

At dawn today the constitutional troops began forming at short intervals in line along the entire distance from the national palace to the cathedral. The troops then moved on to pass. Back of the troops were ranged the sightseers, and every roof and balcony also held spectators.

Keys Delivered to Carranza.

It was near noon when General Carranza, mounted on a superb horse and accompanied by his staff and the generals of the northwest, the central and the northeast division of the constitutional army, left Atzacapalco, escorted by a squadron of cavalry and the Fourth Sonora battalion of infantry, which acted as the guard of honor. On reaching the city limits the column was met by the mayor and the city council of the capital, who delivered to General Carranza the keys of the city.

After this ceremony the cavalcade continued on to the historic Chapultepec castle, where two batteries of artillery fired salutes.

CYCLONIC-ELECTRICAL STORM KILLS FIVE AT WILKESBARRE.

Seven Severely Injured and 25 Others Painfully Hurt.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 20.—Five persons were killed and twenty-five others severely injured in this city today when a severe electrical storm, approaching from the southwest, struck the city. The storm broke over the valley late in the afternoon and for an hour terrific thunder and lightning accompanied by hail of rain that approached a cloudburst. The cyclone came without warning and abated just as suddenly after working destruction over a considerable area.

Considerable damage was done to the telegraph and telephone and trolley companies. Many buildings were struck by lightning, but there was no loss of life except in this city.

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